

Tuesday, March 14, 2000

Daily Digest

Senate

Chamber Action

The Senate was not in session today. It will next meet on Monday, March 20, 2000, at 12 noon.

Committee Meetings

No committee meetings were held.

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

Bills Introduced: 14 public bills, H.R. 3906–3907, 3909–3920; 5 private bills, H.R. 3921–3925; and 5 resolutions, H. Con. Res. 279–282 and H. Res. 440, were introduced. **Pages H996–97**

Reports Filed: Reports were filed today as follows:

H.R. 3845, to make corrections to the Small Business Investment Act of 1958 (H. Rept. 106–520);

H.R. 3908, making emergency supplemental appropriations for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2000 (H. Rept. 106–521);

H.R. 3843, to reauthorize programs to assist small business concerns (H. Rept. 106–522);

H. Res. 438, waiving points of order against the conference report to accompany H.R. 1000, Wendell H. Ford Aviation Investment and Reform Act for the 21st Century (H. Rept. 106–523); and

H. Res. 439, providing for consideration of H.R. 3843, Small Business Reauthorization Act of 2000 (H. Rept. 106–524). **Page H996**

Recess: The House recessed at 1:02 p.m. and reconvened at 2:00 p.m. **Page H938**

Suspensions: The House agreed to suspend the rules and pass the following measures:

Joint Committee on Inaugural Ceremonies: S. Con. Res. 89, to establish the Joint Congressional Committee on Inaugural Ceremonies for the inauguration of the President-elect and Vice President-elect of the United States on January 20, 2001; **Pages H939–40**

Use of the Capitol Rotunda for Inaugural Proceedings and Ceremonies: S. Con. Res. 90, to au-

thorize the use of the rotunda of the Capitol by the Joint Congressional Committee on Inaugural Ceremonies in connection with the proceedings and ceremonies conducted for the inauguration; **Page H940**

Small Business Investment Act Corrections: H.R. 3845, amended, to make corrections to the Small Business Investment Act of 1958; **Pages H940–42**

Joel T. Broyhill Postal Building: H.R. 3699, To designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 8409 Lee Highway in Merrifield, Virginia, as the “Joel T. Broyhill Postal Building” (passed by a ye and nay vote of 405 yeas with none voting “nay”, Roll No. 46); **Pages H942–44, H951–52**

Joseph L. Fisher Post Office Building: H.R. 3701, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 3118 Washington Boulevard in Arlington, Virginia, as the “Joseph L. Fisher Post Office Building” (passed by a ye and nay vote of 400 yeas with none voting “nay”, Roll No. 47); and **Pages H944–46, H952–53**

Humanitarian Assistance to Mozambique: H. Res. 431, amended, expressing support for humanitarian assistance to the Republic of Mozambique. **Pages H946–50**

Transportation and Infrastructure Committee Resolutions: Read a letter from Chairman Shuster wherein he transmitted copies of resolutions adopted on February 16, 2000 by the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure—referred to the Committee on Appropriations. **Pages H950–51**

Recess: The House recessed at 3:31 p.m. and reconvened at 6:02 p.m. **Page H951**

Motion to Instruct Conferees: Representative Lofgren notified the House of her intention to offer a motion to instruct conferees on H.R. 1501, Juvenile Justice Reform Act. **Page H953**

Quorum Calls—Votes: Two yea and nay votes developed during the proceedings of the House today and appear on pages H951–52 and H952–53. There were no quorum calls.

Adjournment: The House met at 12:30 p.m. and adjourned at 11:56 p.m.

Committee Meetings

INTERIOR APPROPRIATIONS

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Interior held a hearing on the Department of Energy—Fossil Energy. Testimony was heard from Robert Gee, Assistant Secretary, Fossil Energy, Department of Energy.

LABOR-HHS-EDUCATION APPROPRIATIONS

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Labor, Health and Human Services, and Education continued appropriations hearings. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

TREASURY, POSTAL SERVICE, AND GENERAL GOVERNMENT APPROPRIATIONS

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Treasury, Postal Service, and General Government held a hearing on the Customs Service and the Federal Law Enforcement Training Center. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the Department of the Treasury: Raymond W. Kelly, Commissioner, U.S. Customs Service; W. Ralph Basham, Director, Federal Law Enforcement Training Center; and James E. Johnson, Under Secretary, Enforcement.

NAVY AND MARINE CORPS PROGRAMS

Committee on Armed Services: Subcommittee on Military Procurement and the Subcommittee on Military Research and Development held a joint hearing on Navy and Marine Corps programs. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the Department of Defense: Lee Buchanan, Assistant Secretary, Navy (Research, Development and Acquisition); Vice Adm. Conrad Lautenbacher, USN, Deputy Chief, Naval Operations (Resources, Warfare Requirements and Assessments); and Lt. Gen. Michael Williams, USMC, Deputy Chief of Staff, Programs and Resources, Headquarters, U.S. Marine Corps.

AMERICAN HOMEOWNERSHIP AND ECONOMIC OPPORTUNITY ACT

Committee on Banking and Financial Services: Ordered reported, as amended, H.R. 1776, American Homeownership and Economic Opportunity Act of 2000.

NATIONAL NUCLEAR SECURITY ADMINISTRATION—SAFETY AND SECURITY

Committee on Commerce: Subcommittee on Energy and Power and the Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations held a joint hearing on safety and security of the new National Nuclear Security Administration. Testimony was heard T. J. Glauthier, Deputy Secretary, Department of Energy; Gary L. Jones, Associate Director, Energy, Resources, and Science Issues, GAO; and public witnesses.

TELECOMMUNICATIONS MERGER ACT

Committee on Commerce: Subcommittee on Telecommunications, Trade, and Consumer Protection held a hearing on the Telecommunications Merger Act of 2000. Testimony was heard from the following Commissioners of the FCC: Harold W. Furchtgott-Roth; and Michael K. Powell; and a public witness.

OVERSIGHT—2000 CENSUS

Committee on Government Reform: Subcommittee on the Census held an oversight hearing on the 2000 Census: Status of Key Operations. Testimony was heard from J. Christopher Mihm, Acting Associate Director, Federal Management and Workforce Issues, GAO.

HHS DRUG TREATMENT SUPPORT

Committee on Government Reform: Subcommittee on Criminal Justice, Drug Policy and Human Resources concluded hearings on HHS Drug Treatment Support: Is SAMHSA Optimizing Resources? Testimony was heard from the following officials of the Department of Health and Human Services: Nelba R. Chavez, M.D., Administrator, Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration; and Alan I. Leshner, M.D., Director, National Institute on Drug Abuse.

OVERSIGHT—FOREST SERVICE ROAD MANAGEMENT POLICY

Committee on Resources: Subcommittee on Forests and Forest Health held an oversight hearing on Forest Service Road Management Policy. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the Forest Service, USDA: Michael P. Dombeck, Chief; and Dale Bosworth, Regional Forester, Northern Region.

MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES

Committee on Resources: Subcommittee on National Parks and Public Lands held a hearing on H.R. 2557, to direct the Secretary of the Interior to conduct a feasibility study on the inclusion in Biscayne National Park, Florida, of the archaeological site known as the Miami Circle; and H.R. 3084, to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to contribute funds for the establishment of an interpretative center on the life and contributions of President Abraham Lincoln. Testimony was heard from Representatives Meek of Florida, Shimkus and LaHood; Terrel Emmons, Associate Director, Professional Services, National Park Service, Department of the Interior; Susan Mogerman, Director, Historic Preservation Agency, State of Illinois; and public witnesses.

SMALL BUSINESS REAUTHORIZATION ACT

Committee on Rules: Granted, by voice vote, an open rule providing one hour of general debate on H.R. 3843, Small Business Reauthorization Act of 2000, equally divided between the chairman and ranking member of the Committee on Small Business. The rule waives all points of order against consideration of the bill. The rule provides that the bill will be open for amendment by section. The rule authorizes the Chair to accord priority in recognition to Members who have pre-printed their amendments in the Congressional Record. The rule allows the Chairman of the Committee of the Whole to postpone votes during consideration of the bill, and to reduce voting time to five minutes on a postponed question if the vote follows a fifteen minute vote. The rule provides one motion to recommit, with or without instructions. Finally, the rule lays H. Res. 432 (providing for consideration of the conference report to accompany S. 376) on the table. Testimony was heard from Chairman Talent and Representative Velazquez.

WENDELL H. FORD AVIATION INVESTMENT AND REFORM ACT FOR THE 21ST CENTURY

Committee on Rules: Granted, by voice vote, a rule waiving all points of order against the conference report to accompany H.R. 1000, Wendell H. Ford Aviation Investment and Reform Act for the 21st Century and against its consideration. Testimony was heard from Chairman Shuster and Representatives Duncan, Oberstar, and Lipinski.

VETERANS ENTREPRENEURSHIP AND SMALL BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT ACT

Committee on Small Business: Subcommittee on Government Programs and Oversight and the Subcommittee on Benefits of the Committee on Veterans' Affairs held a joint hearing with respect to

Public Law 106-50, Veterans Entrepreneurship and Small Business Development Act of 1999. Testimony was heard from Darryl Dennis, Assistant Administrator, SBA; representatives of veterans organizations; and public witnesses.

BUDGET REQUEST

Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence: Met in executive session to hold a hearing on fiscal Year 2001 JMIP/TIARA. Testimony was heard from departmental witnesses.

COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR WEDNESDAY, MARCH 15, 2000

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

Senate

Committee on Veterans' Affairs: to hold joint hearings with the House Committee on Veterans' Affairs on the Legislative recommendation of the Veterans of Foreign Wars, 10 a.m., 345 Cannon Building.

House

Committee on Appropriations, Subcommittee on Agriculture, Rural Development, Food and Drug Administration, and Related Agencies, on Marketing and Regulatory Programs, 10 a.m., 2362-A Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Commerce, Justice, State, and Judiciary, on Supreme Court, 10 a.m., and on State and Local Law Enforcement, 2 p.m., H-309 Capitol.

Subcommittee on Defense, on Fiscal Year 2001 Navy/Marine Corps Budget Overview, 9:30 a.m., 2212 Rayburn; and, executive, on Fiscal Year 2001 Navy/Marine Corps Acquisition Program, 1:30 p.m., H-140 Capitol.

Subcommittee on Foreign Operations, Export Financing and Related Programs, on Secretary of State, 2 p.m., 2359 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Interior, on Woodrow Wilson Center, 10 a.m., on Holocaust Museum, 11 a.m., on Kennedy Center, 11:30 a.m., and on Secretary of Energy, 2 p.m., B-308 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Labor, Health and Human Services, and Education, on Vocational and Adult Education and Educational Research and Improvement, 10 a.m., and on Office of Higher Education/Office of Student Financial Aid, 2 p.m., 2358 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Military Construction, on Family Housing Privatization, 9:30 a.m., B-300 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Transportation, on National Railroad Passenger Corporation, 10 a.m., 2358 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Treasury, Postal Service, and General Government, on Secret Service, 10 a.m., and on Financial Crimes Enforcement Network, 2 p.m., 2362-B Rayburn.

Subcommittee on VA, HUD, and Independent Agencies, on NASA, 9:30 a.m., 2359 Rayburn.

Committee on Armed Services, to continue hearings on the Fiscal Year 2001 National Defense authorization budget request, with emphasis on the regional commanders, 10 a.m., 2118 Rayburn.

Special Oversight Panel on Morale, Welfare and Recreation, hearing on morale, welfare and recreation resale systems and programs, 1 p.m., 2212 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Military Personnel, hearing on removing the barriers to TRICARE, 1:30 p.m., 2118 Rayburn.

Committee on Banking and Financial Services, to mark up H.R. 3519, World Bank AIDS Prevention Trust Fund Act, 11 a.m., 2128 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Domestic and International Monetary Policy, hearing on The Reagan Legacy, 2 p.m., 2128 Rayburn.

Committee on the Budget, to mark up the Concurrent Resolution on the Budget for Fiscal Year 2001, 10 a.m., 210 Cannon.

Committee on Commerce, to mark up the following bills: H.R. 1089, Mutual Fund Tax Awareness Act of 1999; H.R. 887, to amend the Securities and Exchange Act of 1934 to require improved disclosure of corporate charitable contributions; and H.R. 1954, Rental Fairness Act of 1999, 10 a.m., 2123 Rayburn.

Committee on Government Reform, Subcommittee on Government Management, Information, and Technology, hearing on the Results of the Health Care Financing Administration's Fiscal Year 1999 Financial Statement Audit, 10 a.m., 2154 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on National Security, Veterans' Affairs and International Relations, hearing on Agent Orange: Status of the Air Force's Ranch Hand Study, 10 a.m., 2247 Rayburn.

Committee on International Relations, hearing on the Administration's Fiscal Year 2001 Foreign Assistance Request; followed by a markup of H.R. 3822, Oil Price Reduction Act of 2000, 10 a.m., 2175 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Western Hemisphere, hearing on the U.S. and Latin America in the New Millennium: Outlook and Priorities, 1:30 p.m., 2200 Rayburn.

Committee on the Judiciary, to continue mark up of H.R. 1283, Fairness in Asbestos Compensation Act of 1999; and to mark up the following bills: H.R. 1304, Quality Health-Care Coalition Act of 1999; and H.R. 3660, Partial-Birth Abortion Ban Act of 2000, 10:15 a.m., 2141 Rayburn.

Committee on Resources, to consider the following measures: H. Con. Res. 89, recognizing the Hermann Monument and Hermann Heights Park in New Ulm, Minnesota, as a national symbol of the contributions of Americans of German heritage; H. Res. 182, expressing the sense of the House of Representatives that the National Park Service should take full advantage of support services offered by the Department of Defense; H.R. 2958, to provide for the continuation of higher education through the conveyance of certain public lands in the State of Alaska to the University of Alaska; H.R. 3182, Craig Municipal Equity Act of 1999; H.R. 3417, Pribilof Islands Transition Act; and H.R. 3671, Wildlife and

Sport Fish Restoration Programs Improvement Act of 2000, 11 a.m., 1324 Longworth.

Committee on Rules, to consider H.R. 2372, Private Property Rights Implementation Act of 1999, 2 p.m., H-313 Capitol.

Committee on Science, Subcommittee on Basic Research, to continue hearings on National Science Foundation Fiscal 2001 Budget Authorization Request, Part III: A View from Outside NSF, 2 p.m., 2318 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Technology, hearing on Standards Conformity and the Federal Government: A Review of Section 12 of Public Law 104-113, 10 a.m., 2318 Rayburn.

Committee on Small Business, hearing on Helping Agricultural Producers "Re-Grow" Rural America", Providing the Tools, 2 p.m., 2360 Rayburn.

Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure, Subcommittee on Coast Guard and Maritime Transportation, hearing on the United States Coast Guard Fiscal Year 2001 budget request, 10 a.m., 2167 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Economic Development, Public Buildings, Hazardous Materials and Pipeline Transportation, to mark up the following: H.R. 938, to designate the Federal building located at 290 Broadway in New York, New York, as the "Ronald H. Brown Federal Building"; H.R. 1279, to designate the Federal building and United States post office located at 223 Sharkey Street in Clarksdale, Mississippi, as the "Aaron E. Henry Federal Building and United States Post Office"; H.R. 1605, to designate the United States courthouse building located at 402 North Walnut Street and Prospect Avenue in Harrison, Arkansas, as the "J. Smith Henley Federal Building"; H.R. 2412, to designate the Federal building and United States courthouse located at 1300 South Harrison Street in Fort Wayne, Indiana, as the "E. Ross Adair Federal Building and the United States Courthouse"; a concurrent resolution authorizing the use of the Capitol Grounds for the 200th birthday celebration of the Library of Congress; a concurrent resolution authorizing the District of Columbia Special Olympics Law Enforcement Torch Run to be run through the Capitol Grounds; a concurrent resolution authorizing the use of the East Front of the Capitol Grounds for performances by the John F. Kennedy Center for the Performing Arts Millennium Stage; a concurrent resolution authorizing the use of the Capitol Grounds for the Greater Washington Soap Box Derby; and a concurrent resolution authorizing the use of the Capitol Grounds for the 19th annual National Peace Officers' Memorial Service, 11:30 a.m., 2253 Rayburn.

Joint Meetings

Senate Committee on Veterans' Affairs, to hold joint hearings with the House Committee on Veterans' Affairs on the Legislative recommendation of the Veterans of Foreign Wars, 10 a.m., 345 Cannon Building.

Next Meeting of the SENATE

12 noon, Monday, March 20

Next Meeting of the HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

10 a.m., Wednesday, March 15

Senate Chamber

Program for Monday: Senate will be in a period of morning business, during which two Senators will be recognized.

House Chamber

Program for Wednesday: Consideration of the conference report on H.R. 1000, Aviation Investment and Reform Act for the 21st Century (rule waiving points or order);

Consideration of H.R. 3843, Small Business Reauthorization Act of 2000 (open rule, one hour of general debate); and

Motion to instruct conferees on H.R. 1501, Juvenile Justice Reform Act.

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